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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Laid-Open Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-137174, published May 22, 2001 together with an English language abstract; and
2. Laid-Open Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-270265, published September 29, 2000 together with an English language abstract.

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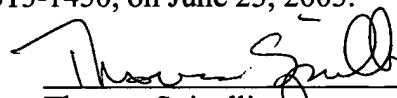
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		<b>2001-137174</b>	<b>5/22/2001</b>	<b>Japan</b>			✓	
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